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Dear the director,

I am proud to recommend Malibu Family Wine, 32111 Mulholland Highway Malibu, California 90265, as a new American Approved Viticultural Area. I visited this vineyard on February 16, 2006 as a field trip of my class. This is located at the crest of the Santa Monica Mountains, and it is indeed special. The rocky terrain and steep south facing slopes provide the perfect environment for growing premium wine grapes.

I did tasting her Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon from several vintages. These have already been famous as a crisp, fruit-forward California wine to local residences and restaurants. The manager of this vineyard, Susan Green, makes the point on quality, not the quantity. She acquainted us with how she organizes and separates all varietals with understanding terrior.

Over all, this vineyard is with the high altitude and separation from the coast, along with an ideal blend of weather conditions and rich, rocky soil. I believe it's the perfect environment for growing premium wine grapes and the products from this vineyard will contribute to development of California wine.

Sincerely,



Ritsuko Ohara
Letter of recommendation